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SUBJECT: ECONADS: JULY 18 MEETING

REF: A. USNATO 3752; B. STATE 15418

1. ECONOMIC COMMITTEE ON JULY 18 DISCUSSED DISPOSITION OF
PREVIOUS WORK AND FUTURE WORK PROGRAM.

2. ECONADS DECIDED IS SHOULD PREPARE SHORTER PAPER ON EASTERN
AGRICULTURE (AC/127-WP/394) FOR COUNCIL, BRINGING IN LATE
INFORMATON ON HARVEST AND ON EAST-WEST TRADE. IS WILL CIRCULATE
DRAFT SOON. ECONADS APPROVED REPORT ON GDR ECONOMY
(AC/127-WP/395) FOR TRANSMISION TO COUNCIL. ECONADS
AGREED REPORT ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA ECONOMY TOO LONG AND DIFFUSE, AND
ASKED IS TO DO RE DRAFT. RE ECONAD WORK ON STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE
OF SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS, REPRESENTATIVE OF CIVIL EMERGENCY
PLANNING DIRECTORATE STATED CLOSE COOPERATION NOW ESTABLISHED WITH
ECONOMIC DIRECTORATE TO FOLLOWING DEVEOPMENTS IN THIS AREA.
ECONADS DECIDED NOT TO ASSIGN ANY SPECIFIC TASKS TO ECONOMIC
DIRECTORATE IN THIS AREA AT PRESENT TIME.

3. ECONADS AGREED TO FOLLOWING TENTATIVE DATES FOR MEETINGS OF
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EXPERTS. NATO COUNTRIES CREDIT POLICIES TOWARD EUROPEAN COMMUNIST
COUNTRIES (AC/127-WP/393) ON SEPTEMBER 12; THE EFFECTS OF INFLA-
TION OF DEFENSE EXPENDITURES (AC/127-R/430) ON SEPTEMBER 26;
COMMUNIST DEF ENSE SPENDING, ON OCTOBER 17.

4. US REP PER REF B, SAID US DIDNOT BELIEVE SCHEDULING EXPERTS MEETING ON SOVIET PLANNING WAS WARRANTED AT THIS TIME. ITALIAN REP AGREED. FRENCH REP THOUGHT THAT IF EXPERTS WERE NOT PRESENT, PERHAPS MEETING SHOULD NOT BE HELD, SINCE THIS IS A VERY TECHNICAL SUBJECT. UK REP SAID HIS AUTHORITIES WERE VERY INTERESTED IN SOVIET USE OF COMPUTERS, AND MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN SENDING AN EXPERT.

5. UK WILL SUBMIT A PAPER TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR ECONADS ANNUAL REPORT ON POLISH ECONOMY BY MID-OCTOBER. GERMAN REP SAID HE WOULD TRY TO GET FRG PAPER ON BULGARIAN ECONOMY BY SAME DATE. HOWEVER, CANADIAN REP STATED HIS AUTHORITIES HAD INFORMED HIM CANADA COULD NOT DO PAPER ON ROMANIAN ECONOMY BY THAT DATE. FRENCH REP SAID THAT HE DOUBLTE FRANCE(WHICH HAS ALSO DONE ROMANIAN PAPER UPON OCCASION IN PAST) COULD DO ONE BY THAT DATE. COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ASKED IF US COULD DO IT.

6. OTHER AGENDA ITEMS CARRIED OVER UNTIL ECONADS MEETING JULY 25.

ACTION REQUESTED: (1) REPLIES TO USNATO 3572 AND 3056, IF POSSIBLE IN TIME FOR JULY 25 ECONADS MEETING; (2) DEPARTMENTS ADVICE WHETHER US CAN DO ROMANIA PAPER BY MID-OCTOBER. RUMSFELD

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